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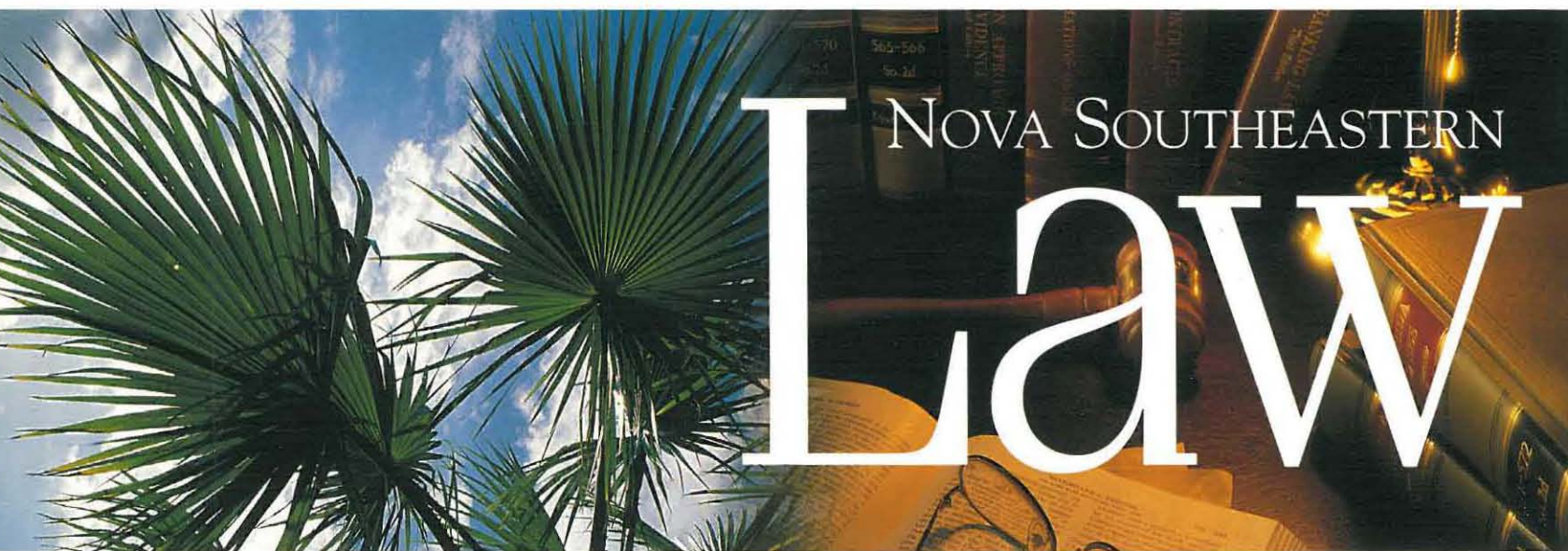
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Congratulations on deciding to become a lawyer! It's certainly a challenging and rewarding career. At Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, we will introduce you to the life of a lawyer by putting you face-to-face with the law. Here, you will learn to do what lawyers really do: help ordinary people facing difficult problems:

- A citizens group fighting a multinational corporation's plan to build an environmentally hazardous project.
- An elderly widow denied the government benefits she desperately needs to live out her remaining years in dignity.
- Owners of a family business anxious to turn their success into a franchise operation.
- An accident victim whose injury has altered the lives of everyone in her family.
- Young parents worried that their child's disability will prevent him from obtaining a quality education.
- A teenager falsely accused of a serious crime.
- An entrepreneur eager to finance an exciting international business venture.

We stand ready to help you acquire the knowledge, skills, and professional values to help clients — real people — confront tough problems and complex choices.



You will graduate from NSU Law with a running start, lawyering skills at the ready, seasoned with experience, prepared to help your clients. You'll have what it takes to launch a successful career in the highly competitive legal marketplace, to represent people facing legal obstacles or stretching for business opportunities. It's that simple, and that important.

Every course, every program, every person at NSU is focused squarely on your future and your future clients. We bring you face-to-face with the law by offering you:

- A solid grounding in traditional legal subjects taught by practitioner-professors who are legal scholars.
- An extensive exposure to the skills lawyers use and the values they embrace, right from the very first day.
- A guaranteed opportunity for a full-semester, three-month clinical internship with an experienced attorney — at the Law Center, throughout South Florida, across the country, around the world.
- A professional education on the technological frontier, fully wired to put the latest high-tech legal tools at your disposal.
- Innovative courses on developing and managing the business aspects of law practice, an often-neglected area in which NSU Law excels.

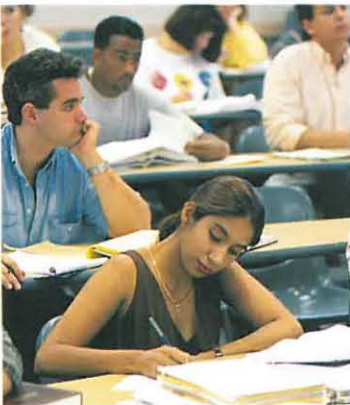


Education in lawyering skills and professional values is central to the mission of law schools ... Each law school faculty should determine how its school can best help its students to begin the process of acquiring the skills and values that are important in the practice of law.

Report of the American Bar Association Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession: Closing the Gap, Recommendations C(2) and (5)

Face-to-Face with a 21st Century Curriculum: Legal Knowledge, Lawyering Skills,

Professional Values Every lawyer, of course, must acquire a firm foundation in the full range of substantive law courses — from constitutional to commercial law, from international law to income taxation. At NSU Law you will build a solid legal foundation through the study of core legal subjects.



But while thinking like a lawyer is critically important, you must also learn to act and feel like a lawyer. Sooner or later, you must learn how lawyers work, how they spend their time, use their skills, apply their values. In our view, sooner is better than later.

From the outset, we expose you to what, how, and why lawyers do the things they do. A four-semester Lawyering

Skills and Values (LSV) sequence provides a central theme around which your substantive courses are built. So, while you learn Civil Procedure, Torts, Criminal Law, Contracts, Property, and Constitutional Law in your first year, you will also be introduced to interviewing, legal analysis, client counseling, legal research, negotiating, legal writing and drafting, and pre-trial motion practice.



Working in a law office setting with realistic legal files, you will discover how to interview witnesses, analyze difficult legal issues, write opinion letters, prepare affidavits, and argue your client's position. And you will get a feel for the business side of law practice by maintaining time sheets and learning billing systems.

You will also confront the ethical dilemmas that inevitably arise in the relationships between attorney and client, among attorneys, and between attorneys and the court. These professional predicaments will pop up unexpectedly, just as they do in real life. Through this process, you'll quickly learn the difference between what's right, even when it hurts, and what's wrong, even when no one would ever know.

A law school shall maintain an educational program that is designed to qualify its graduates for admission to the bar and to prepare them to participate effectively in the legal profession.

**American Bar Association
Standards for Approval of Law
Schools, Standard 301(a)**

REQUIRED and CORE COURSES

Civil Procedure
Constitutional Law I & II
Contracts
Corporations
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Evidence
Family Law
Federal Income Tax
Lawyering Skills & Values I & II
Professional Responsibility
Property
Torts
Wills & Trusts

A SAMPLING OF REGULARLY- OFFERED ELECTIVES

Administrative Law
Admiralty
Advanced Criminal Procedure
Agency & Partnership
AIDS Seminar
Alternative Dispute Resolution
American Legal History
Seminar
Antitrust
Appellate Practice Workshop
Aviation Law
Banking Law
Bankruptcy Workshop
Bioethics Seminar
Business Planning Workshop
Business Practice Clinic
Children & Families Clinic
Children's Rights Seminar
Civil Rights Litigation Seminar
Comparative Law Seminar
Computers & the Law
Condominium Law
Constitutional Decisionmaking
Construction Law
Consumer Protection Seminar
Copyright & Trademark
Corporate Tax
Criminal Justice Clinic
Current Constitutional
Problems Workshop
Electoral Process
Employment Discrimination
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Clinic
Estate & Gift Tax

Federal Drug Law
Florida Constitutional Law
Health Law
Immigration Law
International Business
Transactions
International Human Rights
Seminar
International Law Clinic
International Litigation
International Taxation
International Trade &
Investment
Interviewing, Counseling &
Negotiating
Judicial Internship
Jurisprudence
Juvenile Law
Labor & Employment Law
Law & Literature Seminar
Law & the Elderly Seminar
Legal Drafting Workshop
Legislation
Medical Malpractice
Patents
Pre-Trial Practice
Products Liability
Public Service Clinic
Race & the Law
Real Estate Finance Law
Sales & Sales Financing
Scientific Evidence Workshop
Securities Regulation
Selected Issues in Corporate
Law
Sentencing Workshop: Death
Penalty
Sports and Entertainment Law
Travel Law
Trial Advocacy
Wills & Trusts
Women & the Law



Law schools need to develop ... the concept of public service as a central tenet of lawyering ... Public service is not merely an aspiration or an ideology. It is the very essence of being a lawyer in our society ... Law schools should consider establishing voluntary or mandatory pro bono and public service programs for students....

Teaching and Learning Professionalism, Report of the ABA Professionalism Committee, Recommendations B(3) and (7)

LSV II: Focusing on Litigation or Business Practice In the second year of LSV, you will choose one of two Tracks: Litigation or Business/Transactional. In both Tracks, you will study core legal subjects, such as Evidence, Corporations, Wills and Trusts, Criminal Procedure, Family Law, and Income Tax.



If you select the Litigation Track, you will prepare and respond to written interrogatories, conduct depositions, argue trial motions, plead a bench trial, and present a complex case to a jury. At the conclusion of your trial, you will designate the record, participate in appellate mediation, prepare a full brief on appeal, and argue the matter before a three-judge appellate court. This Track is especially designed to develop your oral advocacy skills.

If you select the Business/Transactional Track, you will conduct several typical transactions — a real estate closing, the financing of a new business, a buy-sell contract, or the reorganization of a closely-held corporation. After this survey of classic legal transactions, you will concentrate on the lawyer's multi-faceted role in the legal life of a business, from start-up to dissolution. This Track emphasizes a wide range of business/transactional skills: complex counseling, multi-party negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and document drafting.

Whether your LSV II focus is on dispute resolution or business deal-making, you will acquire the skills crucial to competent lawyering and an understanding of the values that envelop the lives of attorneys.

Testing the Waters: Face-to-Face with Early Experiences

The simulation environment of the Lawyering Skills and Values sequence will introduce you to the day-to-day realities of the legal profession. That said, nothing can match being in the field, observing lawyers at work, doing what lawyers do.

At NSU Law, you will get real experience early and often. We'll help you land a pro bono position with an attorney in the summer following your first year — and during your second year and for the second summer, too, if you wish. As a regional center for the nationwide Pro Bono Students America program, NSU Law has the personnel and the resources to help place you in an appropriate position in Fort Lauderdale, in

Florida, or anywhere in the United States.

During your second semester, you'll meet with the Director of our Public Interest Law Center to discuss the area of law which most captures your interest — family law, tax law, criminal justice, environmental law, or some other field. After tapping into a national data base to determine possible placements, we'll help you decide which law office best matches your needs and interests. Soon, you'll be doing real legal work on real problems in real settings, helping people who need your assistance and fulfilling the profession's highest ideals.

Consider the benefits of getting early practical experience. You'll see and appreciate the connections between what you study in the classroom and what needs to be done in the real world. You'll learn how law offices actually work in government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private firms. You'll test how a particular area of the law fits with your skills, interests, and personality. You'll

make valuable networking contacts while crafting an experience-laced resumé, the best kind. Finally, and perhaps most important, you'll develop a deep appreciation for the obligations and opportunities that come with being a member of the legal profession.

Nothing beats the lessons of experience — in life or in the law. At NSU Law, you will come face-to-face with experience, early and often.



A law school shall offer live-client or other real-life practice experiences. This might be accomplished through clinics or externships. A law school need not offer this experience to all students.

American Bar Association Standards for Approval of Law Schools, Standard 302(d)



The Capstone Clinical Semester: Your Guarantee to “Hit the Ground Running”

After the powerful LSV sequence and eye-opening pro bono experiences, you'll enter your final year of legal studies eager and ready for the real-world clinical training we guarantee to every law student.

Two Challenges

First, call the other law schools on your list and ask them point-blank: “Will you guarantee me a full clinical semester in my final year of law school, a semester in which I get to work one-on-one with an experienced attorney-mentor on real legal issues?” Second, ask a practicing attorney about the value of the clinical experiences you are guaranteed at NSU Law. Consider seriously the long-term career implications of the answers you receive.

At NSU Law, you choose from among six semester-long clinics set in practice areas you will almost certainly encounter and in which you may specialize during your career: Business Practice, Children and Families, Criminal Justice, Environmental Law, International Law, and Public Service. While we cannot promise you'll get your first choice, we do guarantee that you'll be enrolled in one of these six clinical semesters in your final year of legal study.

Your clinical semester begins with three intensive weeks of advanced level classes with the other twenty or so students in your chosen clinical area. In these classes, you will tackle the tough substantive, skills, and policy questions in your clinical specialty. You will also bond

with your peers in preparation for the common professional experiences you will share.

At the end of three weeks, you will be matched with an experienced practitioner-professor who will act as your personal Field Instructor. Carefully selected by the NSU clinical faculty on the basis of legal expertise and teaching potential, the Instructor will assign you to work on real pending legal matters, serve as your mentor and professional coach, and give you feedback on your lawyering performance. For the next twelve weeks, you will work full-time, side-by-side with your Field Instructor on cases that will be etched in your memory and influential in shaping your professional persona.

One night a week during the three-month clinical internship, you will join your classmates for a three-hour seminar session. Because clinic interns will be placed in law offices throughout Florida, across the United States, and even in foreign capitals, you will meet through the medium of compressed video or other distance education technologies pioneered by NSU.

These sessions will facilitate your professional socialization as you share and compare perspectives with fellow students working in the

same specialty but in different settings.

You will also keep in touch with classmates and professors via the Internet using the state-of-the-art laptop computer you will bring to your legal studies.

Trained in the latest legal information technologies during LSV and other early courses, you will perfect your computer skills during your clinical semester.

The clinical semester will conclude with a final intensive week back on the NSU Law campus. In wrap-up debriefing and evaluation sessions, you

will measure the breadth and depth of your clinical internship education and catalog what you still need to learn before assuming primary responsibility for your own clients.

The NSU clinical semester serves as a superb capstone for your legal education, providing a wonderful bridge to the world of practice. You'll hit the ground running as you enter the profession, confident that you can deliver the services your clients need and your employer expects.



Clinics ... are a key component in the development and advancement of skills and values throughout the profession. Their role in the curricular mix is vital ... Clinics provide students with the opportunity to integrate, in an actual practice setting, all of the fundamental lawyering skills. In clinic courses, students sharpen their understanding of professional responsibility and deepen their appreciation for their own values as well as those of the profession as a whole.



You will be taught by men and women who distinguished themselves as practicing attorneys before they were drawn to NSU Law classrooms. Among other professional experiences, members of the faculty:

- Served as champions of the poor while working as Legal Services attorneys in ten states and a Canadian province.
- Prosecuted criminal offenders in the state and federal courts in seven jurisdictions.
- Represented corporate clients while working for more than a dozen major law firms or corporate law departments across the country.

Face-to-Face with a Dynamic Faculty: Thoughtful Scholars, Practitioner-Professors

It's one thing to provide a progressive academic program built around a pioneering clinical curriculum. It's quite another to communicate legal knowledge and professional understanding to a talented, demanding, and eager group of students. NSU Law has the faculty to convey information and values in exciting and inspiring ways, professors who truly bring you face-to-face with the law.

Our faculty's hands-on involvement with the law continued after they assumed their teaching responsibilities: arguing cases, mediating disputes, setting precedents, and influencing legal policy. Consider these recent examples of professional efforts by NSU Law professors:

- Bruce Rogow, who has argued more cases before the United States Supreme Court than any other Florida lawyer, has set legal precedents in high profile Supreme Court cases involving 2 Live Crew, the Seminole Indian Nation, and the bar's efforts to regulate attorney conduct.
- Carol Henderson, an internationally acclaimed expert in forensic evidence, travels the world instructing and consulting with lawyers, judges, and scientists on complex evidentiary questions from DNA to bomb fragments.
- Steve Wisotsky, after months spent investigating and researching the case of a schizophrenic wrongly convicted of a double homicide, secured the freedom of the innocent man and helped put the real killer behind bars.
- Joe Harbaugh, a national authority on lawyer negotiation, coached a team from a major U.S. financial institution in its tough bargaining with a leading non-U.S. corporation on a \$350 million deal that will set the industry standard.



As an NSU Law student, you may work alongside the faculty in similarly exciting professional activities. At the very least, you will benefit from the reality-tested experiences that NSU Law faculty bring to their classes and their students.

You will also benefit from their cutting edge research and writing. In recent years, the faculty has published in an impressive list of legal journals, including those representing all five Ivy League university law schools, six of the ten Big Ten, ten of the twelve Big East, and half of the eight Big Twelve law schools. Our faculty's work

appears in law reviews published by schools such as the Universities of California, Texas, Maryland, and Notre Dame — plus hundreds of academic and professional publications for law professors and legal practitioners.

During the same period, the faculty has written books or legal treatises on diverse and wide-ranging topics, including: Admiralty Law Anthology; AIDS Cases and Materials; Beyond the War on Drugs; Enforcement at the EPA: High Stakes and Hard Choices; Evidence: Cases and Problems; Federal Tax Research; Florida Administrative Practice

Manual; Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates; Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation; Labor and Employment Law; Law and History; Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases; Securities Arbitration; State and Local Government Environmental Liability; Torts: Contemporary Cases, Comments and Problems; Warrantless Search Deskbook.



You can see why members of the NSU Law faculty are respected as legal scholars and admired as committed advocates by the bench, the bar, and the academy throughout the nation. They can teach you the law because they've practiced and taught the law, at all levels, for all reasons, in every corner of the world. You'll appreciate their energy, experience, and enthusiasm as they bring you face-to-face with the law.





Rating Fort Lauderdale Metro Area

Top 15 — “The Best Places to Live in America”

MONEY MAGAZINE (1995, 1996, 1997)

#10 — “25 Cities of the Future”

FORBES MAGAZINE (October 1996)

NSU Law puts you face-to-face with an ideal environment in which to study, work, and live.



Face-to-Face with the Environment: A Campus and Community in which to Study

and Work It begins with our campus, where our facilities match our philosophy —

bold, contemporary, high-tech, student-friendly. You catch the feeling as you

move through the expansive entranceway of the ultra-modern Leo Goodwin,

Sr., Hall into the two-story, sunlit atrium, the place where students gather

to relax, study, listen to prominent guest speakers, or enjoy concerts with

classmates and friends.

Rating NSU Law

#25 — “Best Law Schools '96”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW, Student Satisfaction Survey (April/May 1996)

#6 — “Best Law Schools for Women”

THE NATIONAL JURIST (October/November 1995)

Our comprehensive Law Library, among the nation's best, ranks in the top quarter of law school libraries in current subscriptions. In addition to extensive state and federal materials, the Library holds specialized collections in taxation, international law, criminal law, jurisprudence, travel law, and trial practice. Our Library also serves as a depository for United Nations materials, one of the few U.S. libraries so designated.

The Law Center is technology-friendly because today's lawyers must be sophisticated information managers to serve their clients well. With your

required laptop computer, you can access NSU LawNet in the Law Library through 300 computer access ports; from every classroom and office via our wireless system; and off-campus from any telephone. Once you're into our network, you're connected to LEXIS, NEXIS, WESTLAW, the Internet, the world.

Now consider our location. Our picturesque setting, with incomparable beaches and meandering canals, is a tourist mecca. But look beyond the sun and the sand to discover the bountiful benefits of living — and studying law — in the area.



Forbes predicts the Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach metropolitan area will enjoy the fourth highest job growth in the next five years. In the past six years, Florida has experienced the second largest increase in jobs of all 50 states. And South Florida is the nation's gateway to Latin America, the Caribbean, and other foreign markets. While economically on the move, one of the fastest growing commercial centers in the world, culturally the region presents a rich mosaic of backgrounds, traditions, and lifestyles. In Fort Lauderdale, you will live and learn in a vibrant multicultural society and an exploding international economy.

At NSU Law, we have taken advantage of our location by developing dynamic relationships with the South Florida community. We draw upon the expertise of practitioners from Palm Beach to the Keys to teach courses ranging from Antitrust and Health Law to Immigration Law and Federal Drug Law. Our full-time faculty are on call to the Florida media as legal experts. Local lawyers stand side-by-side with students searching the Library shelves for pertinent legal authority. And students work as law clerks for judges, legal services agencies, law firms, and corporations.

A beautifully modern and eminently functional campus. A dynamic growing region reflecting the world while serving as your greater classroom. Picture yourself face-to-face with this magnificent setting, the ideal backdrop for learning and practicing law.



Face-to-Face with Your Legal Career: Sharpening Your Career Edge

Let's face facts. The law today is more than the law. It's a business as well. As a lawyer, you must manage a staff, attract clients, streamline billing systems, and select software. Sound management principles must reign. Whether you join a large or small firm, practice in a corporate or public setting, you must possess business skills as well as legal knowledge. Most law schools ignore the critically important management component. NSU Law does not.

Where Do Lawyers Practice?

Almost half of the lawyers in the country engaged in private practice are solo practitioners. Another 25% of private practitioners work in firms of 2 to 10 lawyers. In Florida, 78% of the lawyers work in firms of 9 or fewer attorneys. Following national and regional patterns, 77% of post-1991 NSU graduates who are in private practice work in small to medium size law firms of fewer than 10 lawyers.

What's Your Earning Potential?

If you are a typical NSU Law graduate, you are likely to begin your career with a modest annual salary of about \$35,000. If you follow the pattern of your predecessors, however, you can soon expect to earn an income placing you in the top 10 percent of the nation's earners. A 1996 survey of six reunion classes revealed that a majority of our graduates in practice for 5 years earn over \$65,000 per year, while most of those out of school 10 years or more earn more than \$85,000.

How Do You Prepare for Your Career?

You may begin by enrolling in a series of practical non-credit courses in our innovative Career Development Academy. Here you will learn how to develop and manage your own career, from the nuts and bolts of operating a law office to using the Internet as a legal resource, from a practical understanding of professionalism to a candid career self-assessment.

The courses may vary from year to year, depending upon the need, but here is a sampling of offerings designed to sharpen your career edge:

- Career Development: Legal Specialties and Search Strategies
- Small Firm Practice
- Professionalism Tutorial
- Financial Practices for Lawyers
- Spanish for the Legal Professional
- Non-Law Firm Practice
- The Ins and Outs of the Internet
- Law Office Management Software

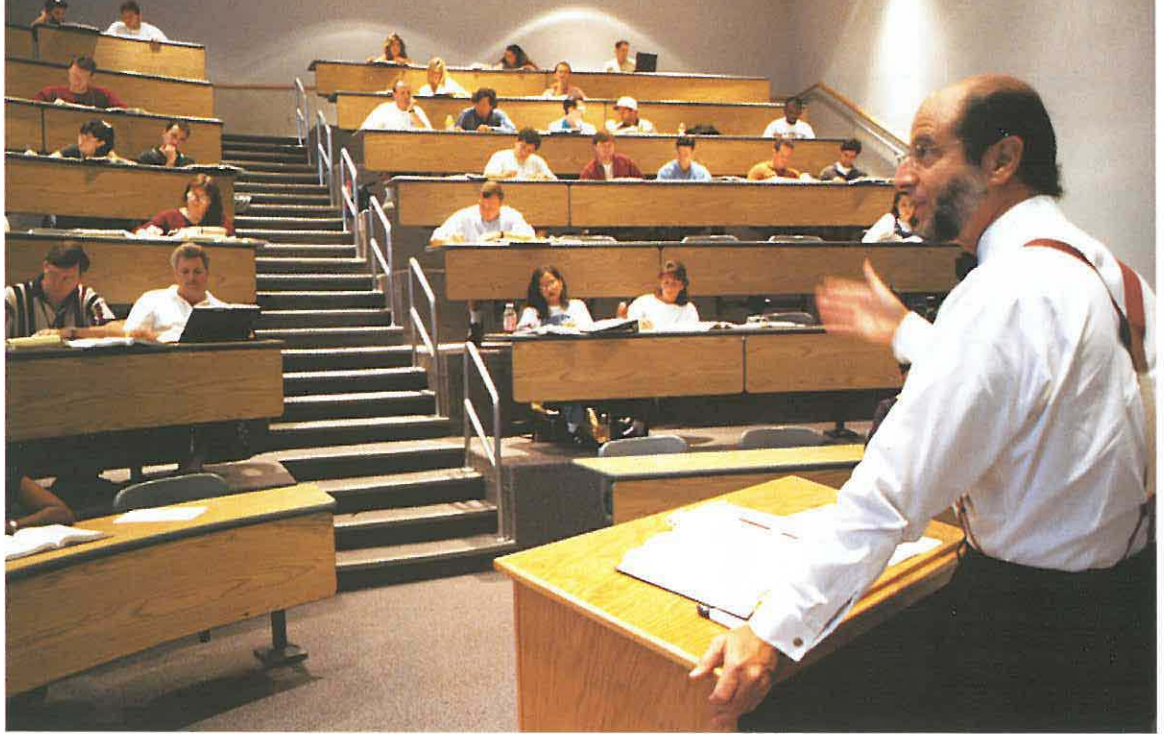
The issue is not whether you will need management skills when you enter the legal profession. You will. If you sharpen your business acumen at NSU Law, you'll be more valuable to future employers, better positioned to hit the ground running, ahead of graduates from other schools.



As studies have recognized, efficient organization and management of legal work is an essential precondition for competent practice ... All too often, a lawyer's incompetence can be traced to poor management skills and practices. Lawyering ability and experience are of little avail if a lawyer misses a deadline or fails to detect a conflict of interest as a result of inadequate office procedures ... regardless of whether a lawyer is a solo practitioner, a partner, or associate in a firm, or a lawyer in public service practice.

**Report of the American Bar Association Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession: Closing the Gap
Chapter 5: The Statement of Fundamental Lawyering Skills and Professional Values**





NSU LAW: A Complete, Interactive Professional Education You want to enter the legal profession. NSU Law will give you what you need to get a running start on your career:

- A firm grounding in lawyering skills and values in addition to a solid substantive education in traditional legal subjects.
- Faculty who know how to teach the law because they've practiced it.
- Guaranteed clinical experiences, providing valuable real-world training and a dynamic resumé.
- The opportunity to live, work, and study at a beautiful modern campus in South Florida, one of the nation's most exciting and rapidly growing cosmopolitan areas.
- Innovative career development courses designed to hone your management skills and sharpen your competitive edge.

Give us a call. Let's discuss your future ... face-to-face.

Mission Statement

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from pre-school through the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community. Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The University fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity, by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Law Center admits students of any race, sex, sexual preference, age, color, nondisqualifying handicap, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number (404) 679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

Refund Policy

If a first year student withdraws before the end of the first week, we refund 95% of tuition. We retain 33% of tuition for withdrawals during the second week of class and 66% for withdrawals during the third week. We retain all tuition if the student withdraws after 25% of the semester is concluded.

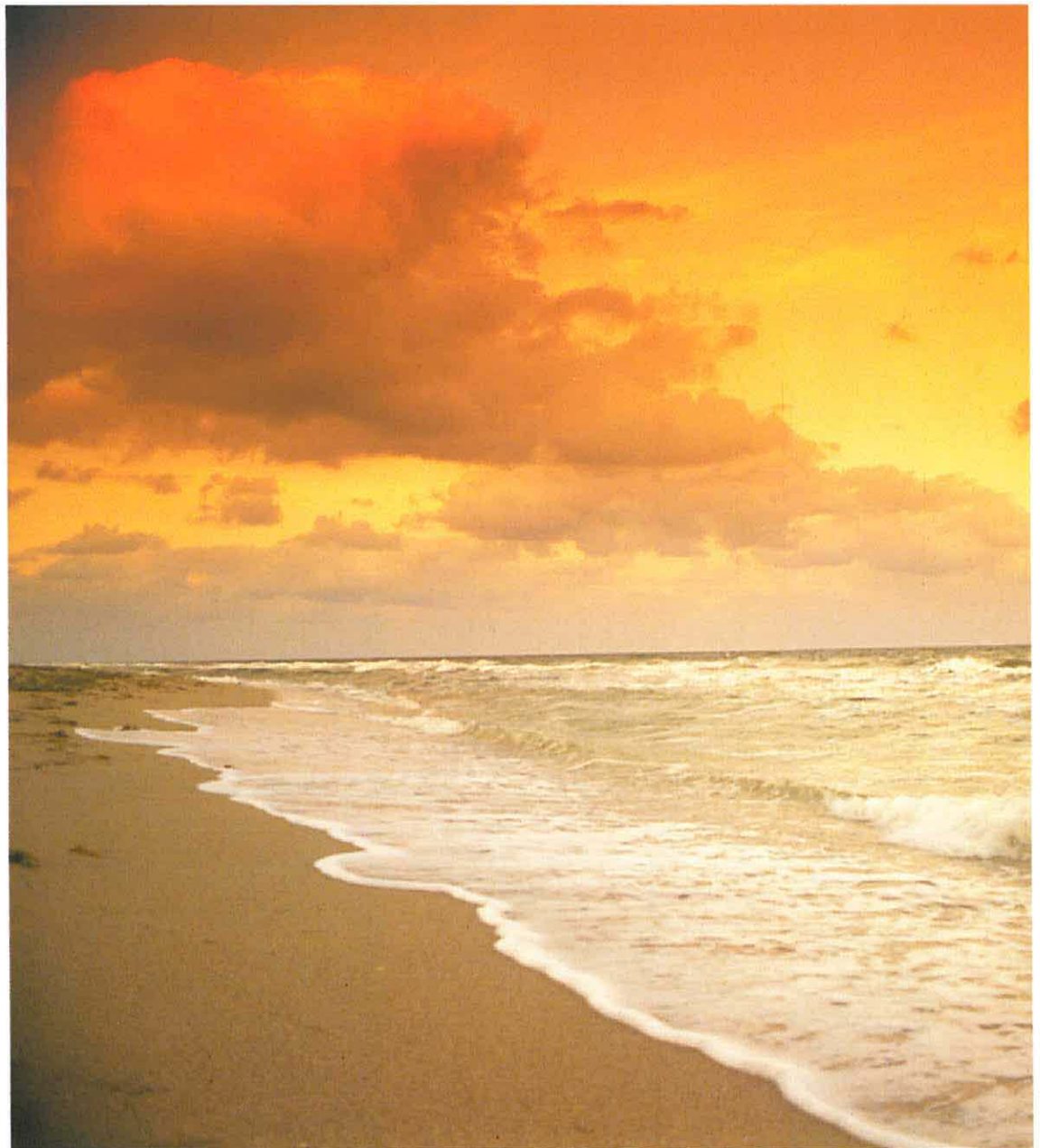
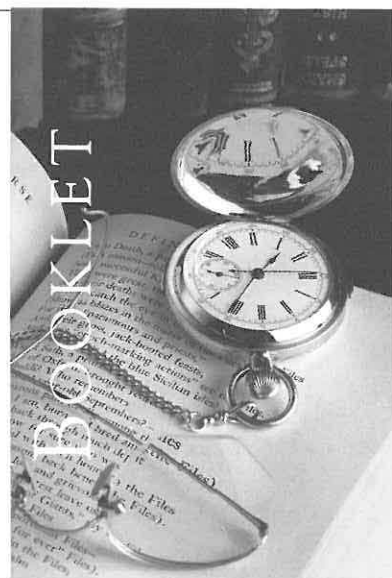


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NSU LAW

FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE LAW

THE LAW CENTER The NSU Law Center is a spectacular 122,000-square-foot building centrally located on the NSU Main Campus. Located only minutes from federal and state courts and the vibrant business district of Fort Lauderdale, it houses administrative offices, state-of-the-art classrooms, tiered lecture halls, two courtrooms, the Law Center's clinics, the Disability Law Institute, and an outstanding and spacious law library. The focal point of the building is an inviting, light-filled atrium connecting the three-story library with classrooms, student organizations, and faculty offices.

The only law school to be selected as the educational partner of Microsoft Corporation and one of a select few to require students to have a state-of-the-art laptop computer, NSU Law has the finest technology training program in the nation. NSU LawNet, the largest wireless system in operation in an academic facility, allows you to connect from any place in the building or from any telephone in the world. At NSU, you will learn how to practice at the frontier of legal technology, a decisive advantage in the competitive world of the 21st century.

Accredited by the ABA and a member of the Association of American Law Schools, NSU Law offers both a full-time day program and a part-time evening program. The part-time program offers classes in the evenings and on Saturdays and is designed primarily for individuals employed on a full-time basis. Students in both programs will be exposed to a curriculum on the cutting-edge of legal education. A four-semester Lawyering Skills and Values (LSV) sequence provides a central theme around which your substantive classes are built. In your second year of LSV, you will choose either a litigation or business/transactional track where you will enhance the skills you will need in your selected practice area. In your final year of legal studies, you will be eager and ready for the real world clinical training we guarantee to you. You will enroll in one of six specialized clinics: Business Practice, Children and Families, Criminal Justice, Environmental Law, International Law, and Public Service.

THE FACULTY 46 outstanding full-time teachers and scholars; an adjunct faculty of more than 50 practicing lawyers and sitting judges; and dozens of lawyers serving as field supervisors.

THE STUDENTS A talented, diverse, and friendly group of about 850 interesting individuals make up our full- and part-time student body. Traditionally, there is an even balance between men and women, and about 25 percent are students of color; students range in age from the early 20s to well into the 60s; and they usually represent more than 30 states, more than a half-dozen foreign countries, and over 150 undergraduate institutions.

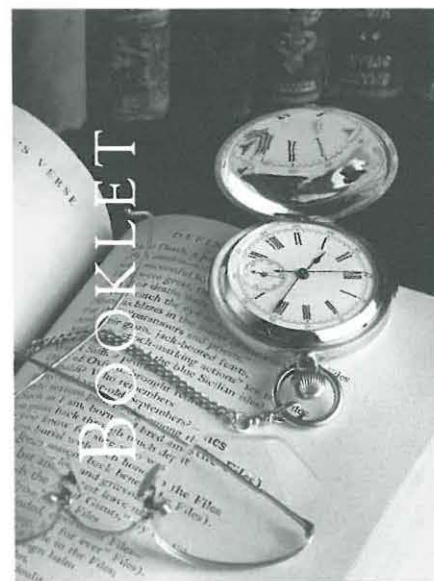
THE UNIVERSITY Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from preschool through the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community. Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The University fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity, by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings. In addition to law, the University consists of 12 graduate centers, including medicine, business, psychology and oceanography, an undergraduate college, the University laboratory school, and an internationally renowned family and special education center. The University also includes the Miami Dolphins training facility and practice field and was a practice site for the 1996 Summer Olympics soccer teams. Nova Southeastern University is chartered by the State of Florida and accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

THE REGION South Florida is one of the most dynamic, diverse, and fast-growing regions in the United States. With the sparkling Palm Beaches, the picturesque canals of Fort Lauderdale, the bustling commercial and cultural metropolis of Miami, the prehistoric serenity of the Everglades, and the Caribbean influence of the Florida Keys, South Florida is an incomparable place to live, work – and study law.

Lawyers in South Florida work in an environment that presents a wide variety of complex and challenging problems. Close ties with Latin America and other foreign markets have led to an enormous volume of international business transactions requiring legal expertise. Our uniquely diverse community – ethnically, racially, politically, and economically – offers an exciting cultural mix, which presents commercial and social problems for the legal profession to address. The professional sports and entertainment industry requires energetic and creative legal minds, as does the quickly-expanding residential and commercial real estate market. In short, the study and practice of law in South Florida are exciting endeavors.

KEY FACTS Tuition: In 1997-98, the annual tuition was \$19,400 for full-time day students and \$14,550 for part-time evening students. Tuition for 1998-99 will be announced when it is set by the University Board of Trustees.

Housing: The cost for 1997-98 was: single \$2,740/semester, double \$2,061/semester. Rates are subject to change. It is important to apply early for on-campus housing. The NSU Office of Residential Life staff will also provide assistance in locating suitable off-campus accommodations. For more information call (954) 262-7052.



1998 ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center is a private institution. No distinction is drawn between Florida residents and nonresidents in the admission process.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering the Law Center must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university. Applicants must submit scores from a recently administered Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

APPLICATION DECISION PROCESS

It is to your advantage to file your application as early as possible. Files that are complete by February 13, 1998 (including the LSDAS report), will be considered for early decision by the Admissions Committee in mid-March. The Committee will endeavor to consider all other applications as they become complete, but it cannot guarantee consideration of applications completed after May 30, 1998.

The Law Center admits students of any race, sex, sexual preference, age, color, nondisqualifying handicap, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please answer all questions on the application completely and candidly.

Fees – A check or money order in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to Nova Southeastern University must accompany every application. All accepted applicants are required to make a non-refundable seat deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Tuition for the fall semester is due and payable August 3, 1998.

Personal Statement – The personal statement required by question 16 provides the Admissions Committee with a view of your background not available from academic predictors. The Admissions Committee is particularly interested in distinctive cultural experiences or viewpoints or any socioeconomic, educational, or personal challenges you have surmounted.

LSDAS Transcripts – Each applicant must register with LSDAS for the current year and submit the appropriate transcripts and materials directly to Law School Data Assembly Service, Box 2000, Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940. Remember, it is your responsibility to submit all the information necessary for LSDAS to generate your LSDAS report.

Transcripts for the Law Center – Every *ACCEPTED* applicant must submit to the Law Center official transcripts showing all course work and degrees conferred directly from the issuing institutions by July 10, 1998 – copies received with your LSDAS report will not suffice. If for some reason a transcript is not available by that date, temporary substitute evidence, such as a letter from the dean or registrar, or a photocopy of your diploma, must be submitted no later than July 10, 1998. If you fail to timely submit appropriate documentation, your acceptance will be canceled.

Letters of Recommendation – The Admissions Committee will only consider two letters of recommendation on behalf of an applicant. The Admissions Committee prefers that you submit letters of recommendation with your initial application; however, the recommender may prefer to mail his or her letter directly to our Office of Student Affairs. Choose your references carefully. Their opinions of your character and academic ability should be reflective, well-reasoned, and supplement the information found in the rest of your application.

Character and Fitness – Any applicant who was convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation should consult the bar admission authority in the state in which he or she intends to practice law. Because prospective members of the bar must possess high standards of character and fitness, applicants with criminal convictions may face difficulties. Bar Examiners regularly examine law school admission applications because they are very concerned about the veracity of prospective attorneys. Lack of candor on the Law Center application may jeopardize an applicant's bar admission. Please be complete and candid in answering question 20.

Admission to the Bar – Graduates of the Law Center are eligible to take the bar examination in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and American territories. Information about requirements for admission to the various states' bars may be obtained by writing to the American Bar Association, 750 North Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Status of Application – In view of the volume of applications to the Law Center, we must enforce the following policies:

The Office of Student Affairs will not provide a telephone response concerning the status or results of the Admissions Committee's evaluation of an applicant's file.

The applicant is responsible for keeping a current mailing address and e-mail address on file with the Office of Student Affairs.

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1. STATUS:

☐ Full-Time Day

☐ Part-Time Evening

2. ADVANCED STANDING:

☐ Transfer Student - Term Beginning: _____

☐ Foreign Attorney

3. Soc. Sec. No. _____ - _____ - _____

4. ☐ Male ☐ Female

5. Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

6. _____
 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Maiden Name Nickname

7. _____
 Legal Permanent Address: Street and Number E-mail address

8. _____
 City State ZIP Home Telephone Business Telephone

9. _____
 Current Address (good until date: _____) City State ZIP Current Telephone

10. Person to be notified in case of emergency or inability to contact you:

 Name Relationship to you E-mail address

11. _____
 Address City State ZIP Home Telephone Business Telephone

12. List all colleges and universities attended. (Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Name of College/University	Date Started Mo./Yr.	Date Ended Mo./Yr.	Degree Received & Major Field

If you are a member of the entering class, official transcripts from all schools attended must be submitted by July 10. If a transcript showing your degree conferral is not available, other proof, such as dean's clearance letter, letter from the registrar, or photocopy of diploma, must be submitted by July 10 or your acceptance to the Law Center will be canceled.

13. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

☐ Country of Citizenship _____

☐ Resident Alien

☐ Native Language _____

☐ Nonresident Alien

14. ETHNIC ORIGIN DATA (Optional)

☐ White Not of Hispanic Origin

☐ American Indian or Native Alaskan

☐ Puerto Rican

☐ Black Not of Hispanic Origin

☐ Mexican American

☐ Other Hispanic Origin

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Black of Hispanic Origin

☐ Other (please specify) _____

15. Have you been accepted to or completed a CLEO program? ☐ No ☐ Yes If so, where and when (explain on separate sheet if necessary).

16. On separate typewritten sheets accompanying this application:

a. List all scholastic or academic honors you have received including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, honor societies, etc.

b. List three extracurricular or community activities that have been important to you. Briefly describe each activity and your contribution to that activity.

c. List all employment experience that is relevant to your admission to the Law Center.

d. Briefly describe any distinctive cultural point of view or life, socioeconomic, educational, or personal experiences you would bring to NSU Law. This statement will be used by the Law Center in evaluating your application.

17. Have you ever served in the armed forces of the United States? ☐ No ☐ Yes Date and type of discharge _____

18. Have you applied to the NSU Law Center before? ☐ No ☐ Yes If so, when? _____ Were you admitted? _____

19. Have you **registered** at any law school or participated in any law school conditional acceptance program? ☐ No ☐ Yes
 a. If so, at what law school and for what period did you attend? _____
 b. Are you in good standing and eligible to continue your studies at that law school? _____
20. State bar officials will review your law school application before granting you a license to practice law. In most cases your complete candor in answering these questions says more about your character and fitness to become a member of the Law Center student body and the bar than anything you disclose – please be complete. (If you are unsure about whether you must answer either of these questions "yes" and attach a statement, please contact the Student Affairs Office Admissions staff for written directions concerning your response to this part of the application.)

The disclosure obligation is a continuing one. Every applicant must report to the Law Center any such events that occur after filing his/her application. The Admissions Committee and Law Center administration will consider new information submitted and, in appropriate circumstances, may change the status of an applicant or student.

- a. Have you ever been suspended or required to withdraw from any college or university? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If you answer "yes," attach a statement relating all the material facts.

b. In your entire life, have you ever been arrested, detained or restrained, taken into custody, accused formally or informally, or convicted of a violation of a law or ordinance, other than a minor traffic violation? Driving under the influence is not a minor traffic violation and must be reported. ☐ No ☐ Yes
If you answer "yes," attach a statement relating all the material facts – at a minimum the statement should include a brief statement of what happened, the date of the law violation or accusation, original charge or accusation, and disposition of the matter. You must disclose the nature of the law violation IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY ADVICE FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING LEGAL COUNSEL, unless a court has ordered the records expunged or sealed. If a court expunged or sealed the records, then you may answer the question "no," but you must provide us with a copy of the court order expunging or sealing the records.

21. LSAT test date(s) _____, 19____.

22. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Please tell us your **present** academic and professional interests. While answers do not in any way bind you regarding course selections or career choices, they will provide us preliminary data for program planning purposes.

1. Lawyering Skills and Values (LSV) is our innovative, two-year program that introduces you to *what, how, and why* lawyers do the things they do. All students follow the identical program in the first year of LSV but in the second year you may choose one of two Tracks: Litigation or Business/Transactional. Which of these do you think you will select?

☐ Litigation ☐ Business/Transactional ☐ Unsure

2. NSU Law **guarantees** every student a seat in one of our six Clinical Semester Programs during the final year of law school. Please rank order your interest in the six Clinical Semester Programs.

Business Practice	_____	International Law	_____
Children and Families	_____	Public Service	_____
Criminal Justice	_____	Not interested in	_____
Environmental Law	_____	a Clinical Semester at this time	_____

3. During your Clinical Semester you will serve a 12-week Internship, working side-by-side with a Field Instructor who will mentor your development as a lawyer. Please rank order your geographic preferences for your Internship.

South Florida	_____	_____
Other Section of Florida (please specify)	_____	_____
Southeastern U.S. (please specify)	_____	_____
Other Section of U.S. (please specify)	_____	_____
Outside of U.S. (please specify)	_____	_____

Candor and truthfulness are the hallmarks of the legal profession. Please review the information in your application and any attachments to ensure the statements are accurate and complete.

I understand and agree that this application and supplemental materials, including my academic records, may be reviewed by the Admissions Committee and the administration of the NSU Law Center.

I also understand that in the event of misrepresentations or omissions, the University reserves the right to take any steps necessary to protect the integrity of its programs. Such action may include revocation of matriculation, suspension, expulsion, or revocation of the degree.

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of NSU Law Center. I declare that the above information, to the best of my knowledge, is complete and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

FINANCIAL AID The Law Center requires each student to submit a completed and processed financial aid form (FASFA Need Analysis) from the College Scholarship Service. The FASFA applications will be available after January 1. You may obtain the FASFA application from a local high school or college or by calling 800-801-0576. **The FASFA application must be received by the College Scholarship Service for processing no later than March 2.** Most students will need to file the FASFA application before receiving an admission decision from NSU Law. For further information, contact our NSU Law Financial Aid Counselor at (954) 262-7412.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS Each year, the Law Center invests approximately \$1.25 million in scholarships to full-time students. Awards are based on undergraduate academic achievement, LSAT score, and other factors. All full-time students who are accepted to the Law Center are considered for these scholarships. We award scholarships *only* to entering students and renew them yearly based on satisfactory academic progress.

GOODWIN SCHOLARS:
Full Tuition Merit Scholarship

GOODWIN FELLOWS:
\$2,500 - \$12,500 Merit
Scholarship

CLEO FELLOWS:
\$2,500 - \$12,500 Merit
Scholarship

**THE FLORIDA MINORITY
PARTICIPATION IN LEGAL
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
(MPLE):**

Annual grants of approximately \$20,000 are awarded by The Florida Education Foundation. An applicant must be a United States citizen, resident of the state of

Florida, and a member of a historically disadvantaged minority group that is under-represented in the membership of The Florida Bar.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT Federal work-study employment is available to students who qualify for need-based financial aid. NSU also operates a student employment program that is available to all students. These programs provide a variety of jobs, both at the Law Center and elsewhere on campus.



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